

**Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
June 19, 2019**

Chairman Dziokonski, Selectman Boisoneau, Selectman Devault, Selectman Connolly, and Selectman Kerrigan were in attendance. Attendee was Town Administrator Ward. Chairman Dziokonski opened the meeting at 7:00PM. He welcomed the new members to the board, congratulating them on their successful campaign and thanked all the candidates who ran.

**Reorganization of the Board**

**Chairman**

Chairman Dziokonski opened nominations for Chairman. Selectman Kerrigan nominated Selectman Connolly as Chairman. There were no other nominations, nominations closed. Chairman Dziokonski asked for all those in favor of Selectman Connolly's nomination, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Connolly thanked the board.

**Vice Chairman**

Chairman Connolly opened nominations for Vice Chairman, Selectman Dziokonski nominated Selectman Kerrigan. There were no other nominations, nominations closed, Chairman Connolly asked for all those in favor of Selectman Kerrigan's nomination. The vote was unanimous electing Selectman Kerrigan is Vice Chairman.

**Clerk**

Chairman Connolly opened nominations for Clerk, Selectman Kerrigan nominated Selectman Devault. Chairman Dziokonski asked for additional nomination, there were none. Nominations closed the vote was unanimous electing Selectman Devault as Clerk.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Jeffrey Swann of 132 Franklin Street read a prepared statement he distributed to the board regarding the budget for CCTV.

**Review of Minutes**

The board received minutes from June 5, 2019 Selectmen's meeting for review and approval. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Liquor License Transfer & Change of Location – 310 High Street**

Chairman Connolly opened the hearing inviting the applicant forward to state their name and address. Ms. Deborah Sargent of 307 Central Street Hudson MA was before the board. She explained to the board she would like to move the Fung Wong Liquor License to the Sunshine Café. Selectman Dziokonski asked if she was going to make changes to the business with the license. Ms. Sargent explained she intends to add mimosa brunch on Saturday and Sundays. Chairman Connolly opened the hearing for Public Comment, in favor of the request, there was none. In opposition of the request, there was none. Chairman Connolly open discussion to the board members asking for more follow up on the plan of use for the license at the location. Ms. Sargent explained she will be using it breakfast and lunch on the weekends, Saturday and Sunday. Selectman Kerrigan asked for more information regarding if unused does the license return to the town. Administrator Ward reviewed at this time the license is under the Fund Wong managements control to sell to the entity of their choosing. The board does the initial review, then the process continues on to the state ABCC for the review of the change. The local board has the authority to appropriate the change within the town, the current holder of the license gets the value for the business. Selectman Dzioknoski because the Fung Wong sold the license the board is not required to approve just because it was sold. The board has no obligation to approve. Selectman Dziokonski asked what is in a mimosa. Ms. Sargent explained champagne and orange juice. Selectman Dziokonski expressed concern that a full license being used for just brunch, it should be used to its full capacity, he asked if a Beer & Wine would be available for use. Administrator Ward explained no none are available. Selectman Connolly asked if the board had any further questions or discussion. There being none he asked the pleasure of the board regarding the transfer and change of location request. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to deny the transfer request as received, stating it is not in the best interest of the town. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Kerrigan explained he supports the town adding more licenses it would welcome business. He explained he feels the town has to take better care of the inventory and is apprehensive about issuing a full license. Chairman Connolly stated to deny the license it makes it not available for purchase and prohibits the applicant to develop a larger use once established. He would make an effort to approve for the business and take an inventory of licenses in town. He explained he is against the motion to deny the request. Selectman Devault asked what the process is for the town to pursue licenses. Chairman Connolly reviewed creating an article for town meeting to increase the inventory in town, if approved the request goes onto the Legislature. The vote was unanimous to oppose the motion. Selectman Boisoneau made to grant the transfer and change of location request for 310 High Street as presented. Selectman Devault seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski reviewed at the next town meeting an article should be presented to request additional licenses, he has concerns regarding the sole use of license, after a

certain amount of time does the town get the license back. Chairman Connolly reviewed the town will move forward on the request to add additional to inventory. The vote was unanimous.

### **Utility Pole Installation Public Hearing – Chace Street**

Chairman Connolly opened the hearing inviting the representative of National Grid forward. Ms. Laura Napolitano of National Grid was before the board to review the request. She explained the request is for the improvement of service, to support a stub pole in place of a tree that host a guide wire will be removed. Chairman Connolly opened the hearing for questions from the board, there were none. Chairman Connolly opened the hearing for Public Comment, in favor of the project, there was none, in opposition. Mr. Brian Callahan of 184 Chace Street was before the board he explained the pole will be next to his driveway. One side has a fire hydrant and the other will have the pole. The driveway is only 29 inches from pole. By putting the pole in place, it would prevent him from expanding his driveway. Discussion continued with Ms. Napolitano asking for verification on the map where the driveway is, Mr. Callahan worked with her. She explained the tree is being removed by the town, she can work with the tree warden to see if the pole can be placed where tree is once removed. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to table the request as presented for the stub pole on Chace Street. Selectman Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Discover Clinton High Street Closing for Sidewalk Sales**

Mr. Bill Spencer of 65 Park Street and Ms. Lauren Crossman of 27 Dyke Drive were before the board as representatives of Discover Clinton. Ms. Crossman explained to the board they are requesting the board's support in approval of the closure of High Street to thru traffic from Union to Church Streets. They are working on revamping the event and restoring it to what it used to be, invitations have been extended to all businesses in town. They have contacted the Police Department regarding the closure and have received confirmation on a volunteered detail to monitor the closure the day of the event. Selectman Devault asked the time of the event. Ms. Crossman explained the event will be from noon until 4:00pm, but the request to close the street is from 9:00AM until after 4:00PM, they plan to notify the landlords and distribute notices to the tenants and businesses that use the street. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the street closure for High Street to host the Side Walk Sale Days on August 10, 2019, from 9:00AM through 4:00PM. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Public Hearing**

Community & Economic Development Director Phil Duffy was before the board, he explained the board received \$20,000 dollars in funding from the state in order to undertake a Municipal Vulnerability Planning process to identify the community's particular vulnerabilities to climate driven hazards and its capacity to address the effects of these. He explained he began working with BSC Group and Jeffrey Mallory in May of 2018. They assembled a core team of local officials and stakeholders in the community and completed the planning process. Mr. Mallory reviewed the draft report prepared with the findings from the core team through workshops and interview. This report will allow the community to receive the needed designation to continue to apply for grant funding for preparedness. The final report is due by the end of the month and has an area for public comment. The draft is available on the towns webpage and there is a link to present comment, please have comments presented by June 22 to be included in the report. Chairman Connolly opened the hearing for Public Comment, there was none. He closed the public hearing.

### **Traffic Committee Report of Recommendations**

Chairman Connolly reviewed the Traffic Committee met on June 12, 2019 and have presented some recommendations for the board; he will review each individually.

#### *Corcoran House Handicapped Parking Spaces*

Corcoran House sent a letter requesting two Handicapped spaces on Church Street in front of the building for a van drop off. The Traffic Committee recommendation is to approve the two handicapped spaces on Church Street with the condition to reduce two of the spaces reserved for Corcoran House on Walnut Street. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Connolly referenced the two spaces closet to the intersection of Church and Walnut Streets as the two reduced spaces for Corcoran House, allowing more spaces for town hall use. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Four Way Stop Sign at Church & Chestnut Streets Intersection*

The Director of the Senior Center sent a request via email that the intersection of Church Street & Chestnut Street be designated a four way stop for safety of pedestrians trying to cross the street. The Traffic Committee reviewed the request and the recommendation is to designate a four way stop. The board received a letter from Philip and Allison Duffy of 260 Church Street requesting other traffic calming measures be considered before installing the four way stop. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to table this request and have the Traffic Committee review a lesser recommendation. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### Worcester Street Parking One -Way Complaint

The Police Department have received complaints from the Worcester Street residents regarding traffic exiting the Park & Recreation Office parking lot, the exiting traffic is going against the one-way designation of Worcester Street. The Traffic Committee recommendation is to move the one-way designation to after the Park & Recreation office parking lot, and signage to be installed by the Department of Public Works. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Traffic Committee. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

#### Parking on Grove Street Near Spillway

The board received a petition from residents of Grove Street indicating that the individuals coming to view the Spillway are parking at the end of Grove Street blocking driveways and narrowing the road for safe passage. The Traffic Committee recommendation is to install "No Blocking Driveway" signs and have the Police Department enforce illegal parking, especially around the fire hydrant. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to accept the Traffic Committee recommendations. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Kerrigan explained he understands this has become quite an issue. Selectman Dziokonski reviewed this has always been a local attraction and people have been parking there for 50 plus years, it cannot be restricted to residents parking only. The vote was unanimous.

#### Bus Stop Sign on Bufton Farm Road

The Department of Public Works received a request to install "Bus Stop Ahead" signs on Bufton Farm Road to notify residents there is a bus stop at the intersection of Bufton Farm Road & Chace Street. The Traffic Committee recommendation is to have the DPW install the signs as requested. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Traffic Committee. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### No Parking on Green Street Update

The Selectmen's Office received a call from Brady Sullivan that residents of their complex were upset that parking is no longer allowed in the front of the building. The Traffic Committee feels that the area is much safer with restrictions.

#### Traffic Lights on Main Street & Church Street

Electrical Inspector Mr. Boodry informed the Traffic Committee that the pavement loops were not operating properly for traffic lights at the intersections of Main & Church Streets, new sensor cameras were installed which has made the light changes more reliable.

## **Administrative Business**

### Late Night Closings

Chairman Connolly reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of July 2019: Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Liberty Tavern, Ringside Café, Old Timers, Spruce Street Tavern and The Simple Man Saloon. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: The board agreed any additional requests be sent for Police Chiefs review and approval. The vote was unanimous.

## **Old & New Business**

### *Water Bill Abatement Request*

Chairman Connolly reviewed the board received a request for an abatement from Mr. John Torbay who owns the property at 678 Main Street, in the amount of \$613.61. Mr. Torbay received an elevated water bill while the property was vacant, not realizing there was a water leak. Administrator Ward explained he had spoken to the DPW Superintendent who explained it was a complicated leak to identify, but the problem has been repaired. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve the abatement request as presented. Selectman Devault seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski explained the regulations only allow one abatement approved by the Superintendent. Administrator Ward reviewed the regulations allow for one abatement for residential water accounts. The vote was unanimous.

### *Town Meeting Home Rule Petitions*

Chairman Connolly reviewed Annual Town Meeting approved a home rule petition to create two alternates for the Conservation Commission and expand two Beer & Wine package store licenses to All Alcohol. Selectman Kerrigan asked if these requests be approved all at once. Administrator Ward explained it is ok to approve together. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to request the Massachusetts Legislature file these petitions on behalf of the town of Clinton and send notice to our State Representative and State Senators. Selectman Devault seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski commented on the alcohol expansion requests were citizen petition requests requiring only 10 registered voters to include on Town Meeting Warrant for the approval. He recommended the Government Affairs Committee take a look at the process. Chairman Connolly explained, it was a lot more than just ten signatures that allowed this to pass, it required a majority vote at the town meeting, the board doesn't have to send the request. He agreed to have a review done by the Committee, but explained a limit on licenses limits the service to the general public. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Police Chief Civil Service Exam Request*

Chairman Connolly explained the Police Chief has suggested that the town request to be part of the next Civil Service Exam for Police Chief in order to have candidates ready for appointment when he retires. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve the town request to be part of the next Civil Service Exam for Police Chief. Selectman Boisoneau seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### ***Goals & Objectives***

The board tabled the discussion until the next meeting to provide the new members an opportunity to review.

#### ***Committee Reports***

Selectman Kerrigan inquired about committee assignments to include the new members on committees to fulfill vacancies. Chairman Connolly explained he would like to review committee assignments at the next meeting.

#### *Communication & Marketing Committee*

Selectman Kerrigan reviewed the next meeting is planned for Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Downtown Decorative Street Lighting Committee*

Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the next scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM.

#### **Old & New Business continued**

##### *Storage for Clinton Youth Football*

Selectman Kerrigan explained he has been contacted by representatives of the Clinton Youth Football regarding a storage facility. He reviewed at one time the storage was at St. John's gym but are no longer able to use, they have approached Fuller Field Commission about using an area for storage. He explained other leagues are able to pay fees and use area for storage. There is confusion he would like to meet with the commission to discuss. Chairman Connolly explained the Fuller Field Commission has the sole jurisdiction on use of the facility. Selectman Kerrigan stated he doesn't want to overstep he will reach out to the Chairman of Fuller Field Commission for clarification so he can respond to the Clinton Youth Football representatives.

The board discussed another meeting for the last week in June to approve end of the year business and then continue on a summer schedule to accommodate board members vacation plans. The board agreed the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12PM. Selectman Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

Joyce A. Corbosiero

Executive Assistant Clinton Board of Selectmen & Town Administrator